

UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY

REGION VII 901 NORTH 5TH STREET KANSAS CITY, KANSAS 66101

13 MAY 2003

Site: Citizens Gas ID #: <u>TAD 98456909</u> Break: 1.0 Other: <u>5=13-03</u>

Timothy Hall
Chief, Iowa Geological Survey and Land Quality Bureau
Iowa Department of Natural Resources
Wallace State Office Building
502 East 9th Street
Des Moines, IA 50319

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Re:

Letter dated March 26, 2003

Citizens Gas and Electric Company Site

Council Bluffs, Iowa IAD 984569093

Dear Mr. Hall:

We have reviewed the referenced letter and it appears that contamination may exist at this site. Obviously, the site justifies the need for additional characterization to determine the extent of contamination and whether cleanup is necessary to address contamination above health-based levels of concern. The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) can reopen a site whenever additional information becomes available indicating potential threats to human health or the environment.

At this time we understand that the Iowa Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) will continue to negotiate with Aquila and any other potentially responsible parties (PRPs) to obtain additional information on the site and perform the necessary response action. If the IDNR determines that the EPA should be the lead agency then we would request that a referral letter, to formally request new or change in the lead Agency be sent to EPA Region 7.

If we can be of any assistance in expediting the necessary steps to address contamination concerns and in making the subject lands available for reuse please call me at 913-551-7473. If I am not available please call Glenn Curtis at 913-551-7726 or Ken Rapplean at 913-551-7769.

Sincerely,

Kenneth S. Buchholz

Chief

Enforcement/Fund-Lead Removal Branch

Superfund Division

